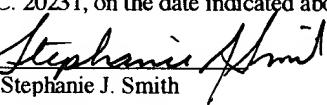


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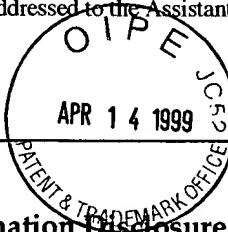
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application for patent, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each listed item is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2). No English language translations of the foreign language references are available; however, the Applicant was provided with an English language abstract of the 49-15341 reference and that abstract is enclosed.

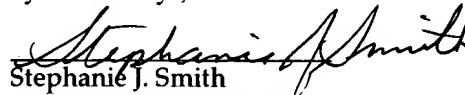
- The Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's consideration of these items during examination of the application.
- No representation is made that the items listed are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103, and the Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art".

The following references were cited by the Examiner during examination of a corresponding Japanese application:

JP 46-4444  
GB 1352166  
JP 49-15341

The remainder of the references were cited in a European search report for another application directed to gas/blood separation devices and method. A copy of that search report is enclosed.

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